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Dear Mr. Dulles,

The Department of State is currently examining the problems involved in a possible US-USSR agreement to ban the production and deployment of long range ballistic missiles. In order to explore these problems it is necessary to evaluate the feasibility of developing an inspection program designed to disclose any Soviet violations of the agreement.

On the basis of preliminary conversations with representatives of your agency, it was concluded to approach the problem of inspection in the following manner:

- a. Select a group of individuals from government knowledgeable on the subject.
- b. Convene a symposium of these individuals.
- c. Prepare a report summarizing the pertinent conclusions of the meeting.

I should like to request, if in your view it is feasible, that CIA act as executive agent for this undertaking. The Department will assist in any way possible, especially in obtaining the services of individuals who may be selected.

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Farley

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles, Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency

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